

**IF WE ENDURE,  
WE WILL ALSO  
REIGN WITH HIM.**

**2 TIMOTHY 2:12**

**First Church of the Brethren  
730 Church Street, Eden, NC March 9, 2022**



Doug Diamond – Pastor

As I scroll through Facebook, I see a lot of ads for Christian study resources. One that keeps coming up is for a study guide concerning the miracles of Jesus. It is strange how somehow a certain comment under a post will also keep showing up (though as I looked for it now, it took me forever to find it). The particular comment that I found interesting this time was this concerning the miracles of Jesus: “Consider this! Jesus DID NOT perform ONE miracle! The Father did it through Him! Just as He can do through us today! Understand the unlimited Power God’s children have within them.”

Now let me first say, I don’t particularly agree with this person’s conclusion. Sure, sometimes Jesus does call on the Father to get involved. The one circumstance that comes to mind is the raising of Lazarus from the dead. But there are plenty of scriptures that point to Jesus having the power to work miracles and that HE did in fact do so. He talks about he and the Father being one.

I do like, though, what the commenter suggests with his statement. That the Father can do much through us today. I absolutely agree with that idea. Our heavenly Father is still in the business of doing the impossible. He did it through Old Testament prophets. He did it through the apostles. And he can still do it through us today.

God wants to use us as his hands and feet in the world today. Sometimes that might mean that he will cause us to lay hands on

the sick and they will be healed. But more often it will probably mean allowing someone who is hurting to lay their head on our shoulder and be comforted. It will mean picking up a hammer and helping to rebuild a home after a tragedy. It will mean providing food to the hungry, heat to the cold, medicine to the sick and help to the helpless.

Unlike Jesus, we have no power of our own accord. But through the Holy Spirit, God will work through us in ways that we might never imagine. May we be willing vessels for his miracles.

*Jesus worked many other miracles for his disciples, and not all of them are written in this book. But these are written so that you will put your faith in Jesus as the Messiah and the Son of God. If you have faith in him, you will have true life. John 20:30,31 CEV*

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We are one week into the season of Lent. Though as a “Low Church” denomination, with liturgy not being central in our worship, Lent is still a time for us to reflect on our relationship with our Savior as well as with one another. We have a great opportunity this year in our celebration of the Lenten season to join together with four other Churches of the Brethren in our area for a series of worship services. The first service is this Sunday evening at the Jones Chapel, 2390 Figsboro Road, Martinsville, VA 24112 at 7 pm. Noel Naff, pastor of Mt. Hermon CoB will be the speaker. I am still trying to confirm whether childcare will be available. I want to encourage everyone to participate in these opportunities to worship together as the greater church. I assure you that it will be a blessing for you.

# FIRST CHURCH OF THE BRETHREN

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## **Pray Without Ceasing**

Eugene Barton, Lucy Bradford, Katherine Bridges, Carolyn Combs, Melissa Dalton, JT Hale, Barbara Janney, Tania Martin, Salem Nelson, Marie Priddy, Aaron Roach, Jutta Shelton, Roger Shockley, Patsy Underwood, Leon & Gail Walker, Danny Whitley, Frankie Wilson

## **Thinking of You**

Shirleen Pratt

## **District Prayer Request**

Pray for the participants and leadership of Pilgrimage XXIV: A FaithQuest for Adults, a spiritual development retreat of the Virgina District, scheduled for March 18-20, 2022 at Camp Bethel. Let us pray that participants will gain a deeper spirituality and greater commitment to the cause of Christ.



Although we are in church for in person worship if you would like to worship from home you can find a live stream of Sunday

Worship service on YouTube. Find us on YouTube as Eden NC Church of the Brethren and catch up on the weekly sermons.

It's time to renew your Messenger subscription! If you're interested in a renewal or starting a new subscription please contact Shirleen Pratt to place your order. The cost is \$14.50 per year.

There will be a called Congregational Business Meeting following worship services on Sunday, March 20<sup>th</sup>. The purpose of this called meeting is to review and approve the renewal contract for Pastor Doug.

*Please join the Challengers and Walk Worthy Sunday School Classes for a wedding shower for Brittni Williams, daughter of Mark and Gina Williams.*

*Join us in the fellowship hall on Saturday, March 26<sup>th</sup> from 10 am until 12 pm as we celebrate the bride to be!*

*Brittni is registered at Target and Amazon.*

Lucy Bradford's birthday is March 16<sup>th</sup>. Please consider taking the time to send sweet Lucy a birthday card. Any birthday greetings would be greatly appreciated.

## Upcoming Birthdays

March 14: Christine Harris

March 15: Gina Richardson

March 16: Lucy Bradford

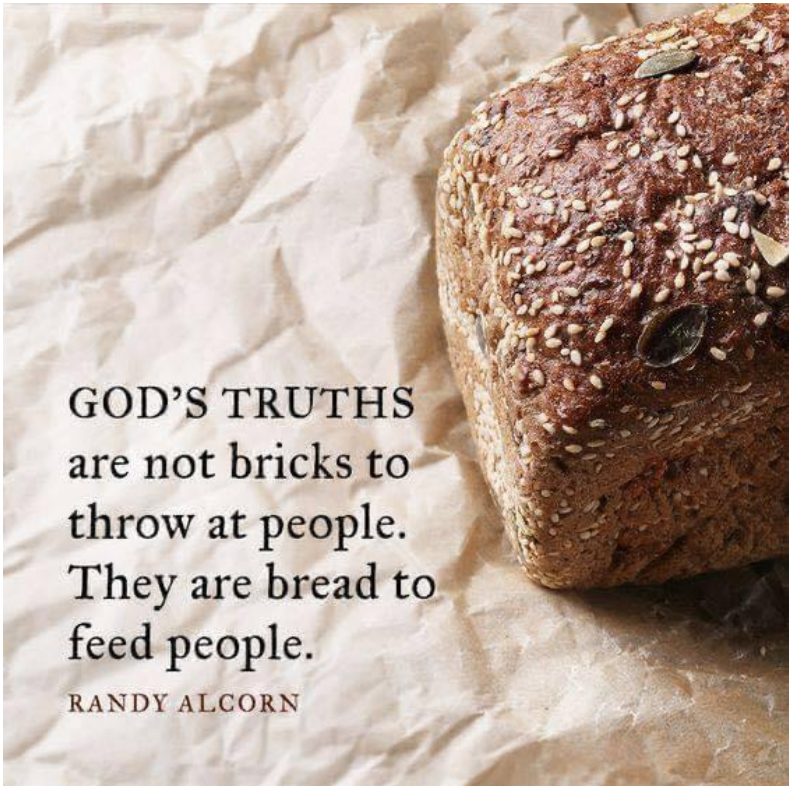
Deborah Blizzard

Jimmy Wright

March 17: Ryan Burgess

Russ Richardson

March 18: Jean Craven



**GOD'S TRUTHS**  
are not bricks to  
throw at people.  
They are bread to  
feed people.

RANDY ALCORN